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INFO AMEMBASSY VIENNA

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SUBJ: CALCOT DIRECTOR'S TOUR

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1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH MR. STEPHEN BOWKETT SINCE MID-FEBRUARY ABOUT CALCOT VISIT TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA MAY 15 THROUGH MAY 18. IN RESPONSE TO HIS REQUEST, WE HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE CZECHOSLOVAK GROUPS WHICH CALCOT DESIRES TO MEET WITH. WE HAVE ASKED THE CZECHOSLOVAKS TO ARRANGE A TRIP TO ONE OF THEIR PLANTS AND WE WILL ASSIST THEM IN HOSTING A RECEPTION FOR CZECHOSLOVAKS BY SENDING OUT THE INVITATIONS (ONCE WE RECEIVE THE NAMES AND GO-AHEAD FROM THE CZECHOSLOVAKS INVOLVED).

2. WE SUGGESTED TO MR. BOWKETT THAT CALCOT CONSIDER HOLDING RECEPTION AT THE INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL SINCE IT HAS ADEQUATE SPACE FOR A RECEPTION OF APPROXIMATELY 100 PEOPLE AND EMBASSY HAS BEEN PLEASED WITH THEIR SERVICE IN THE PAST. WE HAVE ASKED MR. BOWKETT TO WORK OUT ARRANGEMENTS DIRECTLY WITH THE HOTEL AND SUPPLIED HIM WITH THE TELEX NUMBER AND NAME OF THE BANQUET MANAGER. WE WILL STAND READY TO ASSIST FURTHER FROM THIS END, IF NECESSARY.

3. WE HAVE SIMILAR PROBLEM AS BUDAPEST IN THAT TECHNICAL SALES SEMINAR ON PLASTICS PROCESSING WILL BE IN PRAGUE SAME TIME AS CALCOT GROUP.

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4. BELIEVE IT WOULD BE KTNREALISTIC TO MAKE AGATT VIENNA

RESPONSIBLE FOR VISIT OF CALCOT GROUP TO PRAGUE, UNLESS HE
CAN COME TO PRAGUE NOW AND FOLLOW-UP ON OUR PRELIMINARY
ARRANGEMENTS. PERRY

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